

MINUTES OF
FAUQUIER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
January 30, 2013

7:00 P.M.

2nd Floor Conference Room – Warren Green Building
10 Hotel Street
Warrenton, VA 20186

Members Present: Peter S. Eltringham, Chairman, Ed Moore, Vice Chairman, R. Holder Trumbo, Adrienne Garreau, John Green, Matthew Sheedy, Jeffrey Walker, Roy Tate and David Pearce

Members Absent: Tony Tedeschi

Guests Present: First Sergeant Marshall, Fauquier County Sheriff's Department

Staff Present: Susan Eddy, Drew Draper and Meredith Meixner

1. Election of Officers

ACTION: On motion made by Ed Moore and seconded by John Green, it was moved to elect Peter Eltringham as Chairman. On motion made by Peter Eltringham and seconded by Adrienne Garreau, it was moved to elect Ed Moore as Vice Chairman. The motions carried unanimously.

2. Adoption of Schedule

ACTION: The committee postponed action until the next meeting.

3. Approval of November 28, 2012 Committee Meeting Minutes

ACTION: On motion made by Adrienne Garreau and seconded by Ed Moore, it was moved to approve the November 28, 2012 Committee Meeting minutes as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Ongoing Business

- **Ensors Shop Road**

Mrs. Eddy explained that the Sheriff's Department was unable to place the speed box as requested and discussed the accident data provided.

Mr. Eltringham suggested county staff determine the need for more speed monitoring devices and what is required to improve the Sheriff's Department's database in order to query accident data more efficiently.

First Sergeant Marshall clarified the speed box was broken and once fixed, he will proceed with placing it on Ensors Shop Road.

Mr. Pearce stated that VDOT recommends the speed limit remain at 45 mph and confirmed there is one advisory sign near the sharp curve.

ACTION: The Sheriff's Department will place the speed box on Ensors Shop Road once it is fixed.

- **Route 29/O'Keefe/Oak Shade**

Mr. Pearce stated the sight distance was measured at 1600 feet and is well above the minimum requirement.

Mr. Green expressed his concern for the recent accidents and fatalities that occurred at this intersection and asked if VDOT would consider adding blinking lights.

Mr. Eltringham inquired about possible signage that might assist drivers.

Mr. Tate explained that most accidents were due to operator error.

Mr. Moore suggested VDOT add stop bar markings at the intersection and advanced warning signs for the intersection ahead on O'Keefe Road.

ACTION: VDOT will research other safety measures for improvement and return the findings in 60 – 90 days.

- **Route 28 Safety Study**

Mr. Draper explained the safety study will now include the southern section of Rt. 28 ending at Rt. 29 and will have a draft prepared for the February meeting.

Ms. Garreau stressed the importance of our data meshing with the study. Mr. Draper replied that he is working collaboratively with VDOT.

Mr. Eltringham suggested staff review the list of Bealeton issues to ensure all items are being addressed, including the no passing lane near the daycare.

ACTION: Staff will review the list of Bealeton issues to ensure all items are addressed, including the no passing lane in front of the Southern Fauquier Child Development Center.

5. *New Citizens Requests*

- **Sillamon Road – Camellia Blackwell**

Ms. Blackwell was not present at the meeting.

ACTION: This item was postponed until the next meeting, when Ms. Blackwell is able to attend.

- **Route 28/Bristersburg Road – Jim Craun**

Mr. Draper reviewed the intersection concerns of Mr. Craun. For example, the afternoon southbound peak on Rt. 28 is in excess of 1000 vehicles per hour, traffic coming from the elementary school along Bastable Mill Road, there are no turn lane pockets on Rt. 28 and the line of sight problems.

Mr. Craun added that he has a home on Bristersburg Road and a farm on Bastable Mill Road. He crosses this intersection six times a day and stated it is most difficult between 3:00 pm and 6:30 pm. Mr. Craun further stated that the nearby railroad crossing is now used by a Vulcan train pulling 50 gondolas twice a day which backs up traffic on Rt. 28 and makes it difficult for school buses. These buses also have trouble making right turns from Bastable Mill Road due to a pole with a guide wire in the way and to Bastable Mill Road due to the intersection alignment.

Mr. Pearce stated this intersection is in the scope of the Route 28 Safety Study and VDOT is looking into options for improvement.

ACTION: VDOT is looking into short term solutions to improve safety and this intersection is within the scope of the Rt. 28 study for long term improvements.

- **Old Meetze Road – Laurie Wiggins**

Mr. Draper explained that Ms. Wiggins is requesting improved speed control on this short, dead end road. He further explained there is no speed limit sign, making it 55mph.

Ms. Wiggins shared her concerns for pedestrians using the Greenway and increased traffic generated from the new gymnastics facility.

Mr. Eltringham inquired if there was a dead end or no outlet sign and Ms. Wiggins replied there is none.

Mr. Pearce agreed VDOT will look into signage and check the criteria for posting a speed limit.

ACTION: VDOT will look into adding signage, check the criteria for posting a speed limit and will report back to the committee in sixty (60) days.

6. *Six Year Plan*

Mr. Pearce confirmed that Greg Banks will be able to attend the February or March meeting with the updated VDOT packet showing the status of projects on the Six Year Plan.

Mr. Eltringham indicated he would like the committee to also review and update the 2011 Primary and Interstate plans along with the 2012 Secondary plan.

Mrs. Eddy suggested the committee might want to consider adding Tapps Ford Road and changing Kines Road to the Rural Rustic Road program.

Mr. Eltringham reminded the committee that Rogues Road needs to be officially added to the Secondary plan. He suggested staff review last year's committee minutes for other eligible Secondary roads and provide a list of recommendations at the February meeting.

Ms. Julie Wickham, citizen, urged the committee to review the section of Rt. 17 beginning at Old Marsh Road down to the mobile home park as a possible addition to the Primary plan. She continued that this section has serious issues with pedestrians walking along the road to get to the shopping center

ACTION: Staff will prepare a list of recommendations for the committee to review at the February meeting.

7. *Governor McDonnell's Proposed Transportation Project List*

Mrs. Eddy expressed her concern Fauquier County was not given the opportunity to provide their preference for which projects would be included in this new list.

Mr. Eltringham asked VDOT to look into how this list was put together.

Ms. Garreau commented that the county would like to give VDOT their input on what type of bridge would be constructed over Goose Creek to maintain its scenic beauty.

ACTION: VDOT will look into how the list was compiled and if Fauquier County will have the opportunity to provide input on the projects.

8. *Citizens' Time*

Ms. Julie Wickham asked if the school board has proceeded with the request for the school zone flashing sign on Rt. 17 by Cedar Lee Middle School. Ms. Eddy replied that she will contact them for the status.

9. *Other Items*

Mr. Eltringham asked VDOT if the speed limit signs were placed on Halfway Road. Mr. Tate replied yes.

Mr. Eltringham inquired the status of the Old Waterloo Road study. Mrs. Eddy stated it has not been completed yet.

Mr. Eltringham asked when the Markham Rest Area will be back on the agenda. Mrs. Eddy answered that Supervisor Schwartz would like to speak to the committee before they make a recommendation. Mr. Sheedy and Mr. Eltringham agreed to contact Supervisor Schwartz.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 27, 2013.**